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THE GREAT SCHISM

The growth and development of the spirit of Dalhousie has been stunted and warped by the oppressive shadow of Conservatism and obsolete university ideals. There is no spirit on the campus and this negative attitude is fostered by the apathetic interest evinced by the University toward its charges.

The duty of a University is not merely to implant words of wisdom and knowledge in the minds of students. It extends beyond the realm of technical education and should embrace and encourage the Spirit of a university, not destroy it through lack of interest.

There is no spirit at Dalhousie. Alumni have no interest in the university once they have passed through the portals of undergraduate and graduate study. The faculty have not encouraged extra-curricular sport or activities. True, they have tolerated student endeavours in wide and varied fields, but it has been a destructive tolerance because it hinders rather than abets.

It is time that the University and the student body were united by a common bond of University spirit. A sheepskin engraved with Latin is not sufficient to breed fond and pleasant memories of college days. It is time that the old conservative traditions of study were set aside and the destructive division of Administration and students corrected by a frank and common discussion of this problem.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

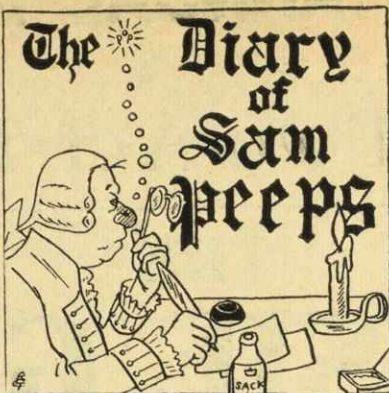
This week a radical departure is taking place in the hitherto cautious (and in effectual) student Alumni relations setup at Dal, and in connection with it the Students' Council is sticking its corporate neck out to the extent of seven or eight hundred dollars at a time when money is getting short.

After most of the expense and effort, and the slow trial and error process which is producing it, the first Alumni Home-coming is a reality. All that is needed for its success is the turnout by Alumni and students.

It is being held as much for the students as for the Alumni, and students are urged not only to attend themselves but to feel free to bring their parents if the latter would like to take a close-range look at the University. But with or without parents, the students should come anyway.

The process is anything but painful. Elsewhere in this issue there appears a program of the events, which are for the most part of the sort that most students would attend anyway. This institution, which would become a permanent, annual one, can do more to interest those who have left the University in what the University is doing now than anything else, and only the turnout is required to make it a success.

So turn out.



Sunday, Nov. 6 (Lord's Day)—
 Not to church this day, the weather being most unseasonal and damp. Did resolve not to waste the whole of this day with my wife, as she did wish, and to the home of one T. Ignorance Moreso, instead, which is on Souse Street of this city. We did pass the afternoon by hearing of great events being planned by the scholars of Dullhousie. They do intend to bring all the old scholars to a great three-day carouse, and have already commenced the depravement of these fine old men by introducing them to that barbarous custom from the colonies known as smoking.

Tiring of the company of Ignorance, who is a fine fellow but wishes too often for the good old days, I did leave his abode late in the afternoon. Thinking to take the air before returning to my wife, I was accosted by one Loose Blockhead, whom I did perceive to be riding in a great carriage. I did gladly accept his invitation to ride with him, but I shall ever wish I did not! The knave attempted to drive the thing himself on the way, and did only achieve colliding with another coach. Only by the Grace of God did we escape death. I will not go riding with him again, I think!

Much in need of refreshment, home quickly. A full half-hour before I did have my refreshment, my wife being near the cabinet, and having hid the key, as is her wont on Sundays. But I did get my sack while she ate, and then early to bed, being much shaken still.

Monday, Nov. 7—Feeling much better, up early and to the college on the hill, where a scholar did tell me of the recent misfortune of one of the inmates of Marmalade Hovel. A certain Morgue Metal-town did receive the bite of an alcovebug, which came upon a craft from the Indies, whose Captain is one Red Genuflect (not to be confused with Exclamation of the same name). Now Miss Metal-town is confined to her room and will see no one.

Then to the inn on Studlee owned by the Colony Carters, as they call themselves, and much overjoyed to at last see with my own eyes the beverage known as five-centcoffee, from the Indies. I did not credit it, but being convinced, I am resolved to tell the Sour brothers of the beverage, that they might obtain it, also.

Over my fivecentcoffee, I did fall into conversation with one Olhairbrush Panty, who did tell me he had just seen my wife with another man. Hurriedly home, to enjoy the unnatural peace of my abode and early to bed before she did return with her sharp tongue.

Tuesday, Nov. 8—To the offices of the Spectator (early edition) for conversation with Lightert. He did speak to me of one And Harrying, one of the King's courtiers, telling me of her nefarious practices. It seems she does hold court of her own, charging five-pence for admission, that she might buy clothing for her appearances at court. I am most surprised that the King should not provide for his courtiers better.

In the evening, I did resolve to go carousing with the legal scholars of Dullhousie, who did hold their annual ball. Leaving my wife at home, and carrying my refreshment, I did proceed to the ball in company with one Stewed Fence-ace, and during the course of the ball did observe him live up to his name in most business-like fashion.

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